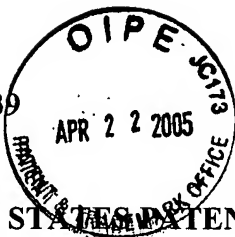


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ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In response to the Official Action of April 12, 2005, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, Claims 1- 18, comprising Group I listed below: